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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

REF: SOFIA 1819

1. FBI PRESSURE ON VISAS. THE VISA OFFICE TELLS US INFORMALLY THEY ARE NOTICING INCREASED OBJECTIONS FROM THE FBI AND INCREASED DELAYS IN OBTAINING FBI RESPONSES ON VISA APPLICATIONS FROM EE COUNTRIES. THE FBI REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO KEEP TABS ON VISITORS HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DENIED, AND THERE IS SOME FEELING THAT WE CAN EXPECT GROWING DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA.

2. BUSINESS VISAS. THE COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES (COMEX), WHICH PROVIDES ADVISORY OPINIONS ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ASPECTS OF SPLEX AND BUSVIS CASES, HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EE POSTS ARE NOT PROVIDING IN BUSVIS CABLE ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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ITINERARY DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM APPLICATIONS. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, CERTAIN COMEX AGENCIES WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ISSUANCE OF BUSVIS-EE VISAS CONDITIONAL ON WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION. THE COMEX SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT PRESSURE FOR CHANGE CAN BE REDUCED IF POSTS PROVIDE FULLEST

POSSIBLE ITINERARY DETAILS. WE DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO

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SEEK INFORMATION FROM APPLICANTS ADDITIONAL TO THAT CONTAINED IN VISA APPLICATION AND MFT NOTE, BUT IF AN APPLICANT SAYS HE IS VISITING TEN US FIRMS PLEASE LIST ALL IN YOUR VISA MESSAGE.

3. KOLEV CASE. JIM GLENN CONTACTED MR. KOLEV, WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN SPEAKER O"NEILL'S BOSTON OFFICE AND, INFORMED HIM OF THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL. THE KOLEVS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE COURT HEARING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29 BUT INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD MAIL THE AUTHENTICATED POWER OF ATTORNEY AND THE COMPLETED PASSPORT APPLICATIONS TO JIM'S HOME ADDRESS FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION TO THE EMBASSY. JIM WILL SEND THEM ON TO YOU IMMEDIATELY WHEN HE RECEIVES THEM. THE WASHINGTON POST OFFICE EVIDENTLY SENT THE KOLEV'S LETTER BACK TO THEM BEFORE JIM COULD PICK IT UP. ONE THING REMAINS UNCLEAR-- WHY DID THE ARRANGEMENT MIKE MOZUR MADE WITH THE KOLEVS APPARENTLY INCLUDE THE MAILING OF THEIR LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON POST OFFICE INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT?

4. AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS. EUR/EX HAS INFORMED US THAT THE AMBASSADOR NEEDS TO SUBMIT A FRONT-CHANNEL MESSAGE REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR ONE MONTH. EUR/EX WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS CABLE ASAP.
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5. CHARLIE MAGEE'S WHEREABOUTS. WE HAVE HEARD THAT CHARLIE MAGEE IS HERE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN CONTACT HIM AND WHEN HE PLANS TO RETURN TO POST? CHRISTOPHER

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